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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The Los Padres National Forest is considering expansion of the designated OHV route system to authorize motorized mixed use on two roads for the purpose of providing improved linkage between existing designated OHV routes. The purpose of the grant is to fund the required administrative process of receiving Regional Forester concurrence with an existing motorized mixed use analysis on the proposed routes and approval to proceed with CHP consultation. Public involvement through the NEPA process will be completed on the proposed action of designating motorized mixed use routes on Black Mountain Road, Pine Canyon Road, a portion of Fernandez Road from Benchmark Trail to Navajo Flat Staging Area, and a portion of Navajo Road from McGinnis Creek Trail to Navajo Bypass.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The proposed addition of motorized mixed use on the subject roads will enhance OHV opportunities by improving with existing OHV routes. Los Padres National Forest land Management Plan (Forest Plan), Goal 3.1 states: "OHV systems provide for a range of recreation opportunities, and challenges for OHV enthusiasts through the development of an integrated system of trails and low maintenance standard roads" (Ref: Forest Plan, Part 1, page 35). Furthermore, the Forest Plan states that within this location: "OHV use and dispersed recreation are maintained, while resolving conflicts with other important resources..." (Ref. Forest Plan, Part 2, page 72). It is anticipated that the decision to add these routes to the current designated motorized mixed use system will result maintaining an existing sustainable routes without the need for new trail construction.

Currently, unauthorized OHV use is occurring on Pine Canyon and Black Mountain Roads and portions of Navajo and Fernandez Roads. The engineer's motorized mixed use analysis has concluded that if specific mitigation measures are implemented, crash probability and crash severity will be low. Risk analysis is based on operation of all vehicles by prudent drivers in compliance with all provisions of the California Vehicle Code.

For the above reasons, The Forest is seeking the planning grant to complete administrative and public involvement requirement to add to and enhance the OHV recreation opportunity within the project area.

C. Statement of Activities

The purpose of the grant is to fund 1. The required administrative process of receiving Regional Forester concurrence with an existing motorized mixed use analysis on the proposed routes; 2. Regional Forester approval to proceed with CHP consultation;

3. Public involvement through the NEPA process on the proposed action of designating new motorized mixed use routes on the Black Mountain Road, Pine Canyon Road, Fernandez Road, and Navajo Road. The environmental analysis will be documented in an environmental assessment that considers a range of alternatives that address the proposed action. A Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact will document the decision; and 4. The Forest will request Regional Forester approval of any motorized mixed use proposal, based on the above process and decisions made.

D. List of Reports

The process of receiving Regional Forester Approval to authorize motorized mixed use on the Pine Canyon, Black Mountain, Fernandez, and Navajo Roads will include the following documentation in the following order:

1. Regional Forester concurrence with an existing motorized mixed use analysis on the proposed routes.
2. Regional Forester approval to proceed with CHP consultation.
3. The environmental analysis will be documented in an environmental assessment.
4. A Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact is the anticipated decision document for the environmental assessment.
5. Regional Forester approval for any new motorized mixed use authorization.

The Forest will provide the State with copies of each of the above referenced documents.

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Mixed Use Analysis Timeline](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Los Padres National Forest
Application: Planning - Santa Lucia Mixed Use NEPA

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Los Padres National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning - Santa Lucia Mixed Use NEPA	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	The Los Padres National Forest is considering expansion of the designated OHV route system to authorize motorized mixed use on two roads for the purpose of providing improved linkage between existing designated OHV routes. The purpose of the grant is to fund the required administrative process of receiving Regional Forester concurrence with an existing motorized mixed use analysis on the proposed routes and approval to proceed with CHP consultation. Public involvement through the NEPA process will be completed on the proposed action of designating motorized mixed use routes on Black Mountain Road, Pine Canyon Road, a portion of Fernandez Road from Benchmark Trail to Navajo Flat Staging Area, and a portion of Navajo Road from McGinnis Creek Trail to Navajo Bypass.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-District Ranger	8.000	442.000	DAY	0.00	3,536.00	3,536.00
	Other-Program Manager	20.000	250.000	DAY	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
	Other-Fire	2.000	371.000	DAY	742.00	0.00	742.00
	Other-GIS	11.000	333.000	DAY	3,663.00	0.00	3,663.00
	Other-Engineering	3.000	466.000	DAY	1,398.00	0.00	1,398.00
	Other-Soils	2.000	375.000	DAY	750.00	0.00	750.00
	Other-Biology	4.000	307.000	DAY	1,228.00	0.00	1,228.00
	Other-Archeologist	2.000	346.000	DAY	692.00	0.00	692.00
	Total for Staff				10,973.00	6,036.00	17,009.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-CHP Analysis	14.000	350.000	DAY	0.00	4,900.00	4,900.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Mixed Use Signs	4.000	625.000	EA	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Vehicle Mileage	5000.000	0.480	YR	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	1.000	814.000	YR	0.00	814.00	814.00
Total Program Expenses					10,973.00	16,650.00	27,623.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					10,973.00	16,650.00	27,623.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					10,973.00	16,650.00	27,623.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	10,973.00	6,036.00	17,009.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	814.00	814.00	
Total Program Expenses		10,973.00	16,650.00	27,623.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		10,973.00	16,650.00	27,623.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

This planning grant will not cause any physical impacts on the environment and is not a 'Project' under CEQA because the project requests funding to prepare biological evaluations, archeological reconnaissance reports, environmental analysis, and documentation of findings for a potential development project. The proposed activities will not result in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Additionally, in accordance with Forest Service NEPA Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 31.11.3, the activities proposed on this project are categorically excluded from documentation.

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points) ☒ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points) ☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 3

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.
☒ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents
☐ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation
☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

Currently, street legal vehicles are allowed on Miranda Pines, Pine Canyon, Black Mountain, and small portion of Navajo Roads. Providing mixed use will provide links to OHV trail systems that will prevent possible trespass. If non-street legal vehicle use is found to be safe on these four roads, adding them to the OHV system will provide users with a safe, logical, and legal trail system while preventing resource damage.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 6 or more items checked (4 points) ☒ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)
☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points) ☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 4

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Camping ☐ Birding
☒ Hiking ☐ Equestrian trails
☐ Fishing ☐ Rock Climbing
☐ Other (Specify)

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- ☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

During the MVUM review, the general public had the opportunity to review OHV maps. Many comments were received asking for mixed use on these roads. OHV leadership meetings have identified the need for mixed use on these roads. OHV stakeholders have called the office showing great interest in Mixed Use and asking how they can get involved with the process. Because of the large interest of mixed use, we have scheduled meetings with the stakeholders to discuss any issues in person near the roads of interest. The Forest Supervisor and the District Ranger will be meeting in the field with the public the first week of March to discuss any issues or concerns.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

The public MVUM process and quarterly OHV Leadership meetings have been held at the Supervisor's Office in Goleta, CA where the topic of mixed use on Pine Canyon and Black Mountain Roads has been discussed. Interested OHV parties, including local groups and clubs, have been involved in the process of keeping these roads open to OHV users and providing better OHV access to trails.

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

California Highway Patrol, Central Coast Motorcycle Association, Gold Coast 4WD, Santa Maria 4WD, and Dirt First.

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 9

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
- ☐ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
- ☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
- ☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
- ☒ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Once the mixed use analysis has been completed, the district will implement a traffic plan that involves posting mixed use signs on the roads that were analyzed. This analysis will lead to develop a well organized OHV trail system that links trails together without promoting trespass. The project supports the development of OHV opportunities to the communities of Arroyo Grande, Santa Maria, Atascadero, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, and Paso Robles.

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (No points)

☐ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Reference Document

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Offsite impacts of trespass would be greatly prevented. There is the potential that OHV users will trespass where mixed use is not allowed to get back to their vehicles or other OHV trail systems. This will also prevent the possibility for restoration on user made trails.